



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Del Soldato

Group Art Unit: 1616

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For: Pharmaceutical Compounds

December 27, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.115 AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated October 4, 2004. The applicant also respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- II. Remarks begin on page 4 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 7 of this response.